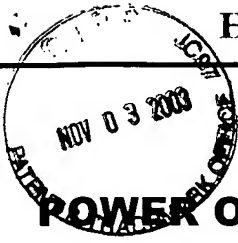


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Title Automated Macromolecule Sample Preparation System

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SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name & Title

GEORGE E BARRINGER JR President Groton Biosystems LLC

Signature

G. E. Barringer Jr.

Date

Oct 27 2003



Docket No. 3511.1002-000

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

Applicant: George E. Barringer, Jr

Application No.: 10/601,277 Filed: June 20, 2003

For: Automated Macromolecule Sample Preparation System

Groton Biosystems, LLC, a corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is

- A. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above; or
- B. ☐ an assignee together with [] of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above.

The right, title and interest of the above-named assignee in the patent application identified above is established by virtue of:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or a copy thereof is attached.

OR

- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Date: Oct 27 2003

Name: George E Barringer Jr

Title: PRESIDENT Groton Biosystems LLC

Signature: G. E. Barringer Jr.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **George E. Barringer, Jr.**, have invented a certain improvement in **AUTOMATED MACROMOLECULE SAMPLE PREPARATION SYSTEM**, described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

- ☐ the specification of which is being executed on even date herewith and is about to be filed in the United States Patent Office (*use for 37 CFR §1.53(b) filings only*);
- ☒ the specification of which was filed on **June 20, 2003** as United States Application No. **10/601,277**;
- ☐ the specification of which is the United States National Stage of International Application No. **[PCT Appl'n No.]**, filed on **[PCT Filing Date]** **[OPTION]** and assigned United States Application No. ☐ **II** (*use for 35 USC §371 filings only*);
- ☐ which was patented under United States Patent No. ☐ on ☐.

WHEREAS, **Groton Biosystems, LLC** (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** and having a usual place of business at **45 Discovery Way, Acton, Massachusetts 01720** desires to acquire an interest therein in accordance with agreements duly entered into with me;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of said agreements and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its territories and all foreign countries, in and to said invention as described in said application, together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and such Letters Patent as may issue thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behalf and for its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made; I hereby convey all rights arising under or pursuant to any and all international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of industrial property by filing any such applications for Letters Patent. I hereby acknowledge that this assignment, being of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, carries with it the right in ASSIGNEE to apply for and obtain from competent authorities in all countries of the world any and all Letters Patent by attorneys and agents of ASSIGNEE's selection and the right to procure the grant of all such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE for its own name as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein;

AND, I hereby further agree for myself and my executors and administrators to execute upon request any other lawful documents and likewise to perform any other lawful acts which may be deemed necessary to secure fully the aforesaid invention to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, but at its or their expense and charges, including the

execution of applications for patents in foreign countries, and the execution of substitution, reissue, divisional or continuation applications and preliminary or other statements and the giving of testimony in any interference or other proceeding in which said invention or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved;

AND, I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the date set forth below.

Inventor's Signature: _____

George E. Barringer, Jr.

George E. Barringer, Jr.

State/Commonwealth

of Massachusetts

County of Middlesex

Then personally appeared before me the above-named **George E. Barringer, Jr.** and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument as his free act and deed this 20th day of October, 2003.

(SEAL)

Nancy Ellen Conlon

Notary Public

(print name)

My Commission expires _____

NANCY ELLEN CONLON
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